

LESSON

8

PRACTICE WORKSHEET A

COPYMASTER

Making Inferences

Directions: Read the following passage from Francisco Jiménez’s “The Circuit” and then complete the graphic organizer below.

While we packed the breakfast dishes, Papa went outside to start the “Carcanchita.” That was the name Papa gave his old ’38 black Plymouth. He bought it in a used-car lot in Santa Rosa in the winter of 1949. Papa was very proud of his car. “*Mi Carcanchita*,” my little jalopy, he called it. He had a right to be proud of it. He spent a lot of time looking at other cars before buying this one.

1. Make Inferences about Character**What Is Known**

*Papa calls the car
“Mi Carcanchita.”*

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Past Experience/ Knowledge

*“Mi Carcanchita” is a phrase
that sounds like it comes from
what language?*

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My Inference

*What heritage
might the characters
have based on the
language they are
speaking?*

2. Make Inferences about Setting**What Is Known**

*The car described
in the passage was
built in 1938,
bought in 1949.*

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Past Experience/ Knowledge

*What is the usual connection
between cars and setting?*

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My Inference

*The story is set in
what approximate
time period?*